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REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003

Claims 6, 13, 16 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon the rejected base claim but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claims 6, 13, 16 and 17 are rewritten in independent form and are now in a condition for allowance which is respectfully solicited.

Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Chang (U.S. Patent 6,178,533 B1). The Examiner's argument in support of the rejection is set forth in pages 2-6. The Examiner's remarks have been reviewed but not repeated here for brevity.

In response, applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner and argue that Chang et al. reference does not provide a set of transactions characterizing a bus architecture or any variation of this teaching as set forth in the rejected claims. Transactions which Chang reference discloses are memory related transactions shown in Figure 3 and described at col. 3, lines 41-67 through col. 4, lines 1-21. Nowhere in Chang could applicants find a teaching where a set of transactions characterizing a bus architecture or variation thereof is found.

A rejection under 35 USC 102(e) (anticipation) requires that every element of a process step recited in a claim is found verbatim in the cited reference. As argued above the bus architecture transaction feature is not disclosed in the reference,

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therefore the claims are not anticipated.

In addition, applicants contend the special method of generating the configuration file as set forth in claims 5, 15 and 18 are not suggested or disclosed in the Change reference. As such, these claims and their dependents are patentable in their own right over the art of record.

Newly added claim 18 is patentable over the art of record for reasons set forth above.

It is believed that the present amendment answers all the issues raised by the Examiner. Reconsideration is hereby requested and an early allowance of all the claims is solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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